

MINUTES OF THE
SANTA FE COUNTY
HEALTH POLICY & PLANNING COMMISSION

December 5, 2014

Santa Fe, New Mexico

This regular meeting of the Santa Fe County Health Policy & Planning Commission (HPPC) was called to order by Vice Chair Catherine Kinney at approximately 9:00 a.m. on the above-cited date at County Community Services Department Conference Room, 2052 Galisteo Street, Suite B. A quorum was achieved with the following members present:

Members Present:

Catherine Kinney
AnnaMaria Cardenalli
Don Reece
Shirlee Davidson [telephonically]
Vivian Heye
Bonnie Keene
Carolyn Roberts

Member(s) Absent:

Judith Williams, Chair
Bryan Conkling
John Abrams
Reena Szczepanski

County Staff Present:

Rachel O'Connor, Director, Community Services Department
Patricia Boies, Health Services Division Director
Katie Schwartz, RN, Mobile Health Van
Kyra Ochoa, Health Care Assistance

Others Present:

Amy Sandoval, DOH
Kristen Carmichael, CSV
Bob DeFelice, First Choice
Monica Briones, First Choice
Michelle Melendez, First Choice
Fred Nathan, Think New Mexico
Jeff Thomas, Southwest Care Center
Orit Tamir, Highlands University



III. Introductions

Those present introduced themselves.

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Michelle Melendez spoke of the economic development aspects. The health center will cost \$13.5 million and provide 111 construction jobs. Once up and running the facility will employ 129 people with salaries totaling \$8.5 million, which will generate \$42 million per year in economic activity.

Ms. Boies passed along regrets from John Abrams that he could not be present but is aware of the plans for Edgewood. Commissioner Reece said he used to run cattle on that part of the county. He added there have been companies moving into the area and this need for medical services will grow.

Ms. Sandoval asked if talks had begun relating to partnership with the DOH. Mr. DeFelice said they have, and they are already partnering in the South Valley.

Commissioner Reece asked about a timeline and Mr. DeFelice said as soon as possible. Full built-out will take a couple years.

Commissioner Kinney asked about funding plans and Mr. DeFelice said they are in the phase of setting up financing. There is a fund development committee and they have been talking with foundations. The town is providing infrastructure. "We would hope that the County would see this as a high priority."

In response to a question from Commissioner Roberts, Ms. Melendez said the wellness center would have demonstration kitchens for diabetes prevention and management, fitness facilities and classrooms. Mr. DeFelice said the entire community will be able to access the fitness facilities. He said the commons will be a driver to draw private investors.

Ms. O'Connor said the County Manager suggested this presentation be made to the HPPC before the County Commissioners are contacted.

Jeff Thomas, executive director for Southwest Care Center, stated he has visited the South Valley commons and commended the progressive approach to what a community health center can do. He said the current proposal is admirable and achievable.

Dr. Briones indicated the South Valley operation has been inspirational with its emphasis on education and partnership with UNM. They have been successful in getting doctors to stay in the area. She said there is a nurse practitioner on staff as well.

Commissioner Roberts moved to support this initiative and concept. Commissioner Cardenalli seconded. The motion carried without opposition.

Commissioner Kinney proposed having a meeting at the South Valley facility at some time in the future.

In response to questions from Ms. O'Connor, Mr. Nathan said the bill is currently being written by Legislative Council Services. When the draft is complete they plan to arrange a number of sponsors from both parties. They will not be pre-filing. He hopes the website will be hosted by the New Mexico Health Insurance Exchange. They are going to try to avoid an appropriations bill, piggybacking on software and staffing already in place.

Commissioner Roberts volunteered to connect Mr. Nathan with the New Mexico Nurses Association. He offered to send copies of the bill draft to commission members when it was complete.

Mr. Nathan said Think New Mexico's website has a pre-scripted letter to legislators.

Commissioner Davidson moved to conceptually support the concepts of transparency and an all-payer database for cost and quality. Commissioner Heye seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

VIII. Matters from the Commission and Staff

A. Update on Health Action Plan

Commissioner Keene said the low birth weight RFP is being worked on. Ms. Ochoa said low birth weight is a complex indicator. Ms. Boies said Santa Fe County is part of the Early Childhood Steering Committee which is working on a report with their priorities.

Ms. Boies reported on several developments within the "increasing consumption of healthy food" goal in the Health Action Plan. The BCC officially adopted the Food Policy Council's Food Plan for the County. The BCC also passed a resolution in support of New Mexico grown fresh fruits and vegetables for school meals, seeking state funding for their purchase. Following up on the HPPC's request during the November meeting, Ms. Boies brought before the Food Policy Council the issue of the proposed Human Services Department rule change concerning employment and training requirements for SNAP recipients, and the Food Policy Council sent a letter to the Secretary of HSD, recommending that rather than change the rule, HSD should focus on improving SNAP participation rates and supporting "double bucks" legislation. These are also recommended actions within the food priority of the Health Action Plan.

After speaking with Dan Green, epidemiologist on the Youth Risk and Resiliency Survey, Commissioner Heye proposed tweaking the drug abuse indicators to emphasize the most serious drugs: heroin, cocaine, methamphetamines and prescription drugs. Commissioner Kinney pointed out that the Health Action Plan has already been endorsed, but it could be seen as a focus of work. The metric can be changed in the next three-year cycle of planning, if determined.

On the insurance enrollment priority, Ms. Boies spoke of PSAs in Spanish going out on radio stations regarding the NMHIX open enrollment, as well as enrollment efforts for people within the DWI and Teen Court programs at Community Services Department.